

The Brethren Evangelist, THE BRETHREN CHURCH PAPER, Ashland, Ohio.

The Church and Field.

The students at the College are preparing for the closing exercises.

Remember the Brethren's Sunday School convention at Fair Haven on the 29th.

Sister Emma Stauffer, of Kenilworth, Pa., has promised to write for the EVANGELIST in the near future.

Bro. Holsinger preached at the Chapel, Sunday, and an interesting prayer-meeting was held in the afternoon.

Prof. Ward visited Fair Haven church, Saturday, to drill the singers there for the S. S. Convention to be held the last of the month.

It may be of interest to brethren seeking a home in the West to read what is said under the head of "Improved Lands at Great Bargains."

During the past month our ministerial list has been increased by the addition of two ministers, George and Jacob Rinkes of Middletown, Va.

Brother Holsinger expects to be with the Brethren at Milford, Ind., next Monday, and associate with brother Mallott in officiating at a communion.

Our associate, brother Yoder, was with the Brethren at Ankeny, Ohio, last Sunday, and he was delayed there Monday to attend a funeral.

We can pay no attention to orders for the EVANGELIST to be paid out of the poor fund unless the parties ordering give us their name and address.

Bro. J. D. McFaden has been indisposed for some time. Over-work is the cause. We hope he will be blessed with restored health soon, as he is greatly needed in the field, but let him be spared from over-work.

Bro. Brown informs us that his time is fully occupied for the whole summer. This is as it should be. The Lord does not reward idlers; and there never was a time when idleness was less excusable than now.

Brethren, keep sending in subscribers; we ought to have several hundred more on our list, before the first of June. If a few hundred will send an additional name each, it will give us much needed aid.

This is the season for house-cleaning. This is an important work; both from an artistic and sanitary standpoint. As our dwellings need cleaning so do our hearts. May this not be overlooked. Filth in the house is bad; uncleanness of the heart is woe.

The opposition is sparing neither time nor money in distributing Calvert's Sermon. We hope our brethren will be equally enterprising in distributing Bashor's Reply. Send in your orders at once, and distribute freely where you think they will do good. For two copies of the paper containing the Reply, 10 cts; ten copies to one address, 50 cts.

Brother Coler and others desire to know whether we will have reduced R. R. rates for those desiring to attend the Commencement exercises of Ashland College. Up to this date we have been able to secure rates

for students only. If anything better than this should appear later, we will publish it in the *College Record*, which will be issued the latter part of this week.

Commencement.

The public exercises of Commencement week at Ashland College, will be held as follows:

Sunday, May 24th, 3 p. m.,—Baccalaureate Sermon—Rev. H. C. Haithcox.

Tuesday, May 26th, 8 p. m.—Graduating Exercises of the Normal Class.

Wednesday, May 27th, 3 p. m.—Class Exercises.

Wednesday, May 27th, 8 p. m.—Graduating Exercises of the Collegiate Classes.

All are invited to attend.
H. F. HIXSON, Pres.

MILFORD, IND., May 5.—The Brethren will hold a communion meeting at Milford, Indiana, on the 18th of May. We welcome all our brethren to meet with us. Brethren Holsinger and Mallott will come to Milford May 11th, and remain with us until our lovefeast.

JOHN DUBBS.

JOHNSTOWN, PA.—Please say to your readers that the Brethren of Johnstown will hold their communion, no preventing Providence, on Whitsunday eve, May 24th. May we have that blessing upon us, that was given to God's people upon the day of which this is held in anniversary. We should be pleased to have any who are going to annual meeting stop with us and share in the blessings anticipated.

R. Z. REFLOGLE.

MARSHALL, ILL.—While looking over the EVANGELIST I found a letter written by Elder Keim, of Louisville, Ohio. I read it with pleasure. I am glad to hear that they are still prospering in the good work; hope it is so everywhere. My desire is to go onward and do all the good I can. Let us not get weary in well doing. CYRUS CLAPPER.

EDNA MILLS, IND., May 6.—The ark of the Lord is still moving slowly along here. Five were added to this church during a few extra meetings lately. One from the Eymanites, one from the German Baptists and three from the world. We have now seventy-two in full fellowship, and a few more candidates.

We have decided to hold our communion on the evening of May 30th. Services to be held in the Edna Mills church. All are invited. LIZZIE SWIHART.

AKRON, IND., May 5.—In reading the EVANGELIST I notice many protracted meetings through the winter, and I am happy to see the success of the cause of our Master. I will add a little news from the Germany school house protracted meeting, held last January. I held ten or twelve meetings; the result was, seven came out on the Lord's side, confessed Christ, and were baptized. One was baptized at the time of the meeting, and six of them on the first Sunday of May, and one more to baptize; and some more have promised to come soon. The interest was very good all through the meeting, and is still good. May God bless the good cause everywhere, that souls may come to Christ and be saved.

NOAH HEETER.

BUCKEYE CITY, O.—Bro. Mallott came to us on the 18th of April and preached until Tuesday at 10 o'clock. After preaching, seven were baptized of those that joined last winter. One was sick. This is contrary to the prediction of our Conservative friends, and shows that the conversions made last winter were genuine after all.

We had a business meeting at 2 o'clock and made arrangements to have a communion the 18th of June. We organized our Sunday school last Sunday. Bro. Simon Miller was elected Superintendent; the writer, Assistant Superintendent; sister Ploneh Burris, Sec'y; Miss Sylvia Lockhart, Assistant Sec'y; I. Kepper, Treasurer; Professor Lockhart, Chorister.

ISAAC ROSS.

DAYTON, O., May 8.—Many thanks to the editors of the EVANGELIST for the information contained in No. 18, current volume, concerning the manner in which the editors of the *Gospel Messenger* receive their progressive ideas. It can now be understood why the German Baptists are so devoid of originality in their editorials on the subjects of Christian progress and perfect manhood in Christ Jesus. They are iterating again and again the identical sentiments taught in the *Progressive Christian* years ago. Truly, they have been sitting at the "feet of Gamaliel". (H. R. Holsinger & Co.) these many years, attentive listeners, imbibing the gospel doctrine of Christian progression; and now, like a cloudless full-moon, they radiate a lustrous, borrowed light on that subject.

Go on in the good work; you are not only building up the Lord's cause among the Brethren, but, in the providence of God, you are revolutionizing the sentiments of the entire German Baptist fraternity.

Through the grace of God we are prosperous and happy (spiritually), on the corner of Jackson and Van Buren streets.

S. KIEHL.

HAGERSTOWN, MD., May 4.—I noticed in last week's paper that the convention to be held at the Fair Haven church, would wind up with a children's meeting on Sunday. Why not have such a meeting throughout the Brotherhood. Other denominations have a day set apart in May or June devoted especially to the children. The Disciples in May, I think; the Methodists and others have the second Sunday in June. Sermons are delivered to the children, or about the children, a collection is taken up for a special purpose, and every effort made to have the day a success. I am glad brother Brown has arranged for such a day in his church and wish him and the church success. I would like to see such a day kept in every church. We are interested in the children, why not give them practical evidence of the fact by devoting a day especially to them, known as children's day.

I also see letters from, or reference to, isolated members, those living where there is no church of their choice, seldom hearing a sermon from a preacher of their own faith; attending lovefeasts once in a great while. Such persons are sentinels on the outposts. Every army must have sentinels, and the Brethren

army is no exception; her sentinels reach from the Pacific to the Atlantic, from the lakes to the gulfs; separated from friends and each other by mountains and rivers, but perfectly at home with their God, who may have led them to that outpost for some special purpose. Only be firm, sentinel; preach Christ as you know him; teach your children in your way; you may form the nucleus of a church, as have others. Be faithful. Your church, our church, is doing a noble work; she is marching on to victory, and when the smoke of battle clears away you will be surprised at the result.

The young lady I referred to several weeks ago, was not baptized. Her father commanded her not to be immersed, and followed her to the place of worship to see that she was not. He told me if I did baptize her he would disown her. So the matter stands. I will visit the place again in a few days, if able, and if the young lady says, "baptize me," we will go into the water. I suggest that every praying reader of this article offer up special prayers for that misguided man. Let us pray him into the church. How the world is divided: some who could come to Christ will not, some who want to come, cannot.

JOHN DUKE MCFADEN.

Passed Away.

Sunday, April 26th, I spent most of the day in reading. Some time in the afternoon, wife and I walked over to the Wesley Chapel cemetery. Here lie the earthly remains of quite a number of our neighbors and friends, including the Hunt family, who may be regarded as the founders of the Methodist church at this place, whose Chapel stands within the enclosure. A little to the left of the Hunt family, lie the remains of our beloved Bro., Christian Snyder, father of brethren John S. and Harry, and sisters Benshoff, Ford, and Ream. And although years have passed away since we followed him to the grave, still the old sister, his wife, is with us to help battle for the Lord; weak in body, but strong in spirit. And just a little farther down is where we buried our young brother, Wm. A. Snyder, last fall, whose affliction in life was severe, indeed, but all is well now. Many times did we kneel with them in prayer while in their affliction, but they, too, have passed away. From here we returned home. Some time later in the evening I walked out to what is now called the Angus graveyard, about one mile from our house, and, upon entering the silent city, many thoughts passed through my mind: I thought of many that I had seen lowered into the cold grave, in this place. I also thought of some of the funeral sermons that I had heard our old brethren preach in the little school house near by. Most of those old brethren have passed away and the little school house is gone. While meditating I walked down the aisle until I came to the dim mark of my old father's grave, who died several years ago. I halted for a few minutes, thence down the aisle to a little grass covered mound. There, said I, lies our own little daughter; and although sixteen years have passed away since we

laid her there, still well do I remember the time. And while remaining here in the midst of the city of the dead, I said, here lies father, mother, step-mother, brothers, sisters, and our own little daughter in this cold ground; all have passed away, but I hope to meet them in heaven. A little farther on, and there lie, side by side, father and son; and on the grave of the son lies the flag of this nation, upon which no man dares to trample. And I said, well sure enough, here lie two soldiers side by side; for while the young man died in the defense of his country, with the colors of the nation over his head, and a sword by his side, the father, after having faithfully served as a soldier for Jesus, and for a number of years a watchman faithfully defending the Cause, passed away with a smile upon his lips, to receive his reward from the Captain of the great army of God. Still on a little farther and I came to the grave of Eld. Levi Roberts, one of the old defenders of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, one that did more to build up Cummamough church than any other man that ever lived in it. They are dead, but they still speak to us.

STEPHEN HILDEBRAND.
Mineral Point, Pa.

MARRIED.

JEWART—MARTIN.—By Elder J. B. Wampler, at his residence, March 23, Mr. Andrew A. Jewart, and sister Elizabeth T. Martin, both of Cowenshannoc Twp., Armstrong Co., Pa.

DIED.

Mrs. Rebecca Spitzer, wife of Rev. Jacob Spitzer, departed this life, at their home, near Cherry Grove, Rockingham county, Va., on the 22nd of April, 1885, aged 76 years, 6 months, and 20 days. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Jos. Bowman, John Rashe and Jacob Miller, at Mt. Zion church. She was interred in the burying ground at the Tunker church, one mile south west of her home. Text: "Prepare to meet thy God," Amos 4: 12.

She was once of robust health and strength, and of persevering and industrious habits; but in the last five years of her life her general health gave way; her eyesight had failed for several years, and notwithstanding her kind and attentive husband's best care with the assistance of the most skillful physicians from Baltimore, she went totally blind. She was a bright and ever-shining example of true Christian piety, and for forty years a consistent member of the church. In that time she never gave cause for council or admonition by the church, but always won the love and respect of her neighbors by her gentle words and mild reproof. "Aunt Becca," as she was familiarly called, was always met with that heartfelt welcome we give the flowers of May, or the genial rays of the sun, on account of her honest principles, her plain, kind and sympathetic manner.

Notwithstanding her long-suffering and her sad misfortune of blindness, she bore it patiently and manifested a fond hope all the time, of a better home beyond Jordan. She said she was willing to die and meet her Savior. But the last ties of nature were the bonds of love for her most kind and devoted husband, which seemed to increase, as the icy hands of death fastened upon her. The venerable husband is consoled the more by that reasonable hope of meeting his dear, Christian wife very soon again.

BY A FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR.